most important would be adequate and satisfactory infrastructural support, specially supply of crucial inputs like coking coal and electric power.

Reduction of Customs Duty on Drugs

2641. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:
CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of bulk drugs, formulations and drug intermediate on which customs duty is either levied on concessional rates or are exempted from payment of customs duty at present;

(b) since when the reduced customs duty is being levied;

(c) what was the original customs duty and what is the revised customs duty on each drug;

(d) whether his Ministry have called any report from the Ministries of Health and Family Welfare and Petroleum and Chemicals to see that the benefit due to reduction of customs duty is passed on to the public; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what action has been taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (c) The normal rates of customs duties on drug intermediates bulk drugs and finished formulations are 115 per cent (basic + auxiliary, 105% (basis auxiliary) and 105 per cent (basic auxiliary) respectively. However, the concessional rates of customs duty very and are prescribed by the notifications listed below;—

Sl. No.	Notification No.	Dated
1	45/79 Cus.	1-3-79
2	64/79 Cus.	6-3-79
3	208/81 Cus.	22-9-81
4	287/84 Cus.	5-12-84
5	57/85 Cus.	17-3-85
6	89/85—Cus.	17-3-85
7	11/86 Cus.	17-1-86
8	179/86 Cus.	1-3-86
9	271/86 Cus.	28-4-86
10	14/88 Cus.	1-3-88
11	27/88 Cus.	1-3-88
12	213/88 Cus.	30-6-88
13	295/88 Cus.	1-11-88
14	39/90 Cus.	20-3-90

The above notifications contain the names of the drug intermediates. bulk drugs and finished formulations which are either partially or wholly exempted from customs duty and these notifications have been duly laid on the Table of the House.

(d) and (e) In respect of bulk drugs, formulations and drug intermediates which are specified in the schedule to DPCO, 1987 or which are used for the bulk drugs and formulations specified in such schedules prices are revised from time to time and the benefit goes to the public.

Duty Drawback on export of drugs

2642. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain instances of same exports of drugs and

formulations being paid duty drawback more than once have come to the notice of the Ministry;

(b) If so, what is the number of such cases detected during the last three years, yearwise;

(c) what are the names of the companies and what was the quantity of each drug involved; and

(d) what steps have been taken to to investigate the whole issue?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Customs duty concessions on drug Intermediates

2643. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:

SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have given customs duty concessions on drug intermediates and bulk drugs on the recommendations of the Department of Chemicals;

(b) if so, on what basis his Ministry accepted these recommendations;

(c) what are the names of bulk drugs and drug intermediates on which such reduction was given during the last three years, yearwise;

(d) whether it is a fact that his Ministry did not ascertain the benefit that accrued to the public from the Department of Chemicals before granting such concessions;

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(f) whether it is also a fact that concessions have been on price decontroled drugs and intermediates going into the production of such drugs;

(g) whether it is also a fact that despite reduction in prices, they have gone up; and

(h) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (h) Customs duty concessions are given to specified bulk drugs and drug intermediates generally based on the recommendations of the Ministry of Petroleum & Chemicals. The following notifications were issued during the years 1988, 1989 and 1990 prescribing concessional rate of customs duty in respect of drug intermediates and bulk drugs:—

Sl. No.	Notification No.	Dated
1	14/88 –Cus.	1-3-88
2	212/88 –Cus.	30-6-88
3	213/88 –Cus.	30-6-88
4	247/88 –Cus.	16-9-88
5	290/88 –Cus.	12-10-88
6	296/88 –Cus.	1-11-88
7	20/89 - Cus.	2-2-89
8	42/89 - Cus.	1-3-89
9	45/89 –Cus.	1-3-89
10	38/90 –Cus.	20-3-90
11	39/90 - Cus.	20-3-90
12	40/90 – Cus.	20-3-90

These notifications contain the names of bulk drugs and drug intermediates on which customs duty has been wholly or partially exempted. The above